

**Western Massachusetts Electric Company**  
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**Witness: Edward A. Davis**  
**Request from: Division of Energy Resources**

**Question:**

Please describe the standby rate treatment that WMECO's affiliate Northeast Utilities has proposed, and has put in place in Connecticut.

**Response:**

CL&P's Rate 985 is available to all partial requirements general service customers who require back-up and maintenance service (i.e. standby service). Back-up power is intended to provide the customer with a back-up supply of power when the customer's generating facilities are not in operation or are operating at less than full rated capability. Customers are required to specify in writing the maximum Back-up Contract Demand. The Back-up Contract demand can not exceed the actual output of the customer's generation. Customers are billed for service based on the applicable general service tariff available to the customer for the size of service taken based on the Back-up Contract Demand level. Service for demand levels in excess of the Back-up Contract Demand is provided under CL&P's Supplemental Power Service tariff Rate 984. Both a monthly Production/Transmission Demand or Contribution Charge (which is subject to a formula rate mechanism) and a Distribution Demand Charge (which applies on a ratcheted basis for customers priced under demand-based general service tariffs) apply to Rate 985 service. Rate 985 has a minimum two-year term of service.